THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) State Bank of India (SBI) has reported that the levy of service charges beyond a certain number of withdrawals is as per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) norms for usage of other Banks' ATMs by customers and in line with the guidelines issued by Indian Banks' Association (IBA) for all member banks and are applicable to all the banks. As per RBI norms, with effect from 15th October, 2009, free cash withdrawals from other bank ATMs are allowed to account holders up to five transaction per calendar month. This facility is extended only to Savings Bank customers.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. The decision is in the interest of common savings account holders as it facilitates free cash withdrawals (up to 5 times a month) from other banks ATMs as well. The limit of Rs.10000 per transaction (cash withdrawals) and permitting free transactions only to savings account holders would restrict un-curtailed free ATM use by current account holders and ensuring availability of adequate cash balance at the ATMs to serve a larger number of customers. The instructions dated March 10, 2008 were relaxed by RBI after due consideration of the representation made by banks and customer interests.

Leak of template for Indian currency

2799. SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has set up a team to probe the leak of an ultra secret template for Indian currency that led to circulation of near-perfect fakes worth hundred of crores of rupees; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Recovery from salary and pension

2800. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed rules/regulations/ guidelines under which recovery from the salary of a Government employee can be effected;

(b) whether recovery from pension can also be effected;

(c) if so, the rules/regulations/guidelines in this regard; and

(d) whether the same set of regulations governed such cases in autonomous bodies also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The recovery from the salary of a government employee can be effected under Rules 73,74,75,76 and 79 of the Central Government (Receipts and Payments) Rules, 1983 and Rule 11 (iii) of Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965.